

SMITH PICKS BOARD OF RECONSTRUCTION

Sends Message to Legislature Asking \$75,000 for Commission.

ELKUS HEADS THE LIST

Governor Favors Him for Chairman, but Wishes New Body to Make Selection.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
ALBANY, Jan. 20.—Gov. Smith sent a message to the Legislature to-night naming the members of his Reconstruction Commission and defining the duties he imposes upon them. The Governor asked for an appropriation of \$75,000 from unexpended war funds to defray expenses of the new board.

The first name on the list is that of Abraham I. Elkus. The Governor said he preferred to let the commission elect a chairman, but admitted that he would be pleased if the honor went to Mr. Elkus, who recently resigned as Ambassador to Turkey and who is now a member of the New York State Board of Regents.

Other Appointees.

The other members are:
Charles H. Sabin, president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York city.
Bernard M. Baruch of New York city, chairman of the Federal War Industries Board.
Gerrit Lansing of Albany, banker and Federal Fuel Administrator for Albany county.
John Allen Hamilton of Buffalo, a prominent lawyer who served as a member of the Interior Criminal Court Commission by appointment of Gov. Hughes.
Dr. Felix Adler, president of the New York Society for Ethical Culture and known generally throughout the country for his patriotic civic activities.
Charles P. Steinhilber of the General Electric Company of Schenectady, inventor and electrical expert.
John G. Auer, a prominent lawyer of New York city.
William M. K. O'Leary, former District Attorney of New York county.
Arthur William Lutz of New York city, Edison Company and Federal Food Controller of New York.
Michael Friedman, president of B. Altman & Co., New York city.
John C. McLean, secretary of the New York Life Insurance Company of New York city.
Thomas J. Quinn, president of the Bronx National Bank, New York city.
Alfred J. Johnson, City Chamberlain of New York city.
Carleton A. Chase, a Syracuse business man.
George Foster Packard of Saratoga, director of the Federal Reserve Bank.
Dr. Henry Dwight Chapin, physician of New York city and especially interested in child health work.
Mortimer L. Schiff, banker and philanthropist of New York city.

Labor Representatives.

Sarah A. Conley and Peter A. Brady of New York city, representing the State Federation of Labor.
Addison D. Colvin of Ithaca, president of the Ithaca Trust Company and Federal Coal Administrator for central New York.
Mrs. Walter W. Steele of Buffalo, war worker of the City of Buffalo.
Mrs. Ella Hastings of New York city, member of the executive committee of the Democratic County Committee of New York.
E. E. Boyle, Judge of the Municipal Court of New York city.
Henry Evans of New York city, president of the Continental Fire Insurance Company.
M. Samuel Stern, member for many years of the Board of Education of New York city.
Mrs. Louis Stuyvesant Chanler of Barrington, Dutchess county, wife of former Lieut.-Gov. Chanler.
Thomas M. Patterson of New York, president of the City of New York Coal Company and member of the New York Produce Exchange and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.
Alfred E. M. Newcomb, New York city, president of the New York Chamber of Commerce.
Mrs. William S. Good of New York city, president of the City of New York member of the National League for Women's Service.
Norman B. Mack of Buffalo.
J. N. Beckley of Rochester.
Otto Shulhof, cloak and suit manufacturer, of New York city.
V. N. Mace of Rochester.
Richard S. Newman, member of the bar, Flushing, Queens.
M. J. Lowell of Fredonia, president of the New York State Grange.

All Interests Represented.

Gov. Smith sent the message and the names to the Legislature for the information of that body and in outlining the work he proposes for his commission he pointed out that the men and women on it represent all the interests in the State and that there is no good reason why we should approach the problem of reconstruction and readjustment with any degree of apprehension. The Governor also suggested that this is an opportunity to "do things which will be most helpful to the permanent well-being and comfort of our citizens." He calls upon all social and civic organizations in the State to come to the aid of the commission whenever possible, and makes the same request of State departments and the universities of the State.

Problems he suggests for the commission include that of determining what the State should do in regard to military training for its youth if the Federal Government is to require such training; housing conditions in the State; problems of taxation; how to decrease the prices of foodstuffs; public health and labor conditions generally. The Governor also recommended that immediate consideration be given to the plan of speeding up work on public projects in order to remedy as far as possible the problems of unemployment.

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January Sale of Shirts
Short Stiff Bosom
Shirts, \$1.50
Cuffs Attached
\$1.50 Negligee
Shirts, \$1.15
Soft Cuffs
\$2.50 Negligee
Shirts with Stiff
Cuffs, \$1.75
HEAVY UNDERWEAR SPECIAL
\$2 and \$3 Odds and Ends
at \$1.50

PACKERS BACK OF BILL, GORE CHARGES

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of Agriculture is now at work framing a bill soon to be presented to Congress appropriating \$1,250,000,000 to be used by the Food Administration in purchasing from the farmers the 1919 wheat crop at \$2.25.

"This remarkable situation created by Mr. Hoover while he was in charge of the Food Administration carries its own lesson as to the wisdom of the economic method adopted by the Government during the war. I do not believe in price fixing, but I believe in a fair price for the price a fixed."

"According to figures submitted to the Senate the American Government is likely to be responsible for \$1,250,000,000 worth of wheat at the guaranteed price. It may be that if wheat keeps going down by reason of foreign competition which is coming into the world market the price may go still further down."

"We are to expend this \$1,250,000,000 for purposes which to my mind have in no way been made clear, except the time worn argument that they are required on account of the war. I think the Government should be called upon to justify consistently and properly of the enormous stores which they are compelled to take into their hands."

Hoover's Nationality.

There followed a discussion in which the question of Mr. Hoover's nationality often discussed in the Senate was again introduced and a colloquy between Senators Penrose and Martin followed. Senator Penrose asked Senator Martin if he knew "whether Mr. Hoover is an American citizen and had ever voted in this country in his life."

"I do not propose to be drawn into such an irrelevant discussion as that," replied Mr. Martin. "I do not know anything about Mr. Hoover's citizenship. I have no doubt that he is a citizen of America but I have not been a detective upon his tracks."

"He abused the high office which he holds by advising the American people to support the Democratic party in the election and the way in my opinion, insulted every Republican in the country," continued Senator Penrose. "I do not believe he is a citizen of the United States. He has spent the greater part of his life in England. Maybe he was born there."

"It is bad enough to have a man called a traitor to his country," said Mr. Martin. "I have already administered funds which he has taken on oath of office and whose allegiance even is in doubt in the opinion of many. There is no doubt as to whether he is not at bottom an Englishman and not an American."

Lower Food Prices Urged.

"Food contributed to the winning of the war. New York is a highly fertile State and we have learned during the war the almost immeasurable possibilities of development which exist. Food of every kind should be made available at decreased prices. I ask the commission to study the food problems of the State with a view to capitalizing for permanent use the lessons the war has taught us and to encourage the production and distribution facilities of the State, in cooperation with State and local agencies organized for similar purposes."

"Food is an important subject for the attention of the commission. The State needs the services of every man and woman in the right place at the right time. Coordination of State resources with Federal, municipal and private resources is most important. The commission should immediately be informed of any serious conditions of unemployment. From such knowledge and information I will be able to advise the Legislature of any action that may be necessary to meet any emergency."

"I direct legislation to give attention to problems of public health. These demand our increasing attention. The war has shown us much that needed to be done in dealing with these matters, and I am hopeful that the commission, with the assistance of the State Department of Health, will be enabled to provide a program of wide vision and fundamental usefulness. I ask the commission also to assist in developing an efficient method of dealing with health emergencies."

"Should any great labor crisis arise due to the period of readjustment, although I hope that the productivity of the State will not be interfered with in any way, I ask the commission to find the best method of dealing effectively with such an emergency."

"I commit to the commission for their serious consideration the Federal Government proposal as embodied in what is known as the 'soldiers' settlement act.' I also ask immediate consideration of the suggestion of the Secretary of Labor that necessary public works be speeded up to meet unemployment conditions having in mind that they would be begun and finished in the order of

ASKS INQUIRY INTO DRY'S EXPENDITURES

Resolution of Assemblyman Donnelly of Kings Urges Congress to Act.

RATIFICATION IS SLOW

Assembly to Vote Thursday, but Senate May Delay Until Next Week.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

ALBANY, Jan. 20.—With the legislative hearing on the Federal prohibition ratification scheduled for to-morrow afternoon and the drys planning a victory dinner and other jubilation meetings, Assemblyman Morgan T. Donnelly, Democrat, of Kings, to-night introduced in the Assembly a resolution calling for an investigation by Congress of the funds and activities of the Anti-Saloon League "at the nation's capital and the various State capitals." The resolution was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Legislators who are on the "dry" side expected to-day that New York State would ratify the Federal amendment some time Thursday. But it looked to-night as though the Assembly might adopt the resolution on that day, but action would be postponed in the Senate until next Monday night or Tuesday.

Committees Meet To-morrow.

Senator Frederic M. Davenport, chairman of the Senate Taxation Committee, and Assemblyman Louis M. Martin, of Onondaga, chairman of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, probably will call meetings of their committees Wednesday morning before the sessions on either house to act on the ratification resolution. They believe their committees will be too tired after the four hour hearing to-morrow to sit for a committee meeting.

Speaker Sweet believes the Assembly will pass the resolution Thursday. When it is reported Wednesday by the Judiciary Committee it will either be made a special order for second and third reading the next day or a motion will be made to suspend the rules Thursday so as to permit final action on the resolution in the lower house.

Senator George F. Thompson, who leads the dry fight in the Senate, expects there will be a Republican Senate caucus Wednesday or Thursday on the ratification resolution. A big majority of the Republican Senators favor it, but not enough would vote for it to insure its passage unless bound by the action of a caucus.

Women's Messages to Be Read.

While the drys have made no big effort to get out a crowd to demonstrate their strength at the hearing to-morrow, plenty of them will be on hand, including Wayne D. Wheeler, chairman for the Anti-Saloon League; William H. Anderson, the State superintendent; Abner D. Smith, his deputy, and three district deputies.

Messages and resolutions from many organizations in the State, including the National Woman's Party, will be read at the hearing. There is no doubt as to whether he is not at bottom an Englishman and not an American."

OPPOSE U. S. CONTROL OF PACKING HOUSES

Independents Believe It Would Be Harmful.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Officials of independent packing and stock yards firms expressed today their opposition to the proposed Federal control of packing houses and stock yards. They said that such a move would be a step toward the creation of a monopoly in the industry. They also expressed their belief that the proposed Federal control of packing houses and stock yards would be a step toward the creation of a monopoly in the industry.

William Mackinay, president of the St. Paul Union Stock Yards, told the House committee that government intervention would cause more harm than good, and suggested that in the light of its experience in fixing the price of wheat the Government should go slow in attempting to fix the price of meat.

D. W. Tallaferra, vice-president and general manager of the Detroit packing firm of Hammond, Standish & Co., testifying before the Senate committee, said that while he was opposed to Government ownership he believed that the Government should regulate packing houses and stock yards.

Mr. Honey in his testimony charged that the "Big Five" packers "have monopolized the packing industry throughout the country to build an artificial monopoly at Chicago, where prices are fixed for the entire country."

"Independent packers and stock yards were interested in securing representation on the Council of National Defense because it was expected committee would be formed for purchasing food supplies," Correspondence from the packers' files, he added, shows there were many ways in which they expected to benefit from the activities of the council.

Kitchin's Illness Delays Tax Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Because of the illness of Democratic Leader Kitchin of the House the conference on the war revenue bill postponed consideration of the measure to-day until to-morrow.

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ASSOCIATION OPPOSED TO NATIONAL PROHIBITION

334 FIFTH AVENUE NEW YORK CITY

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NEW BASE AT CAPE COD.

Submarines Will Have Home in Provincetown Harbor.

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